

## **Work plan for MedPAC's specialty hospital study**

**ISSUE:** In MMA 2003, the Congress requires MedPAC to conduct a study of physician-owned specialty hospitals and submit a report by February 18, 2005, including any recommendations for legislation or administrative action.

**KEY POINTS:** The attached workplan describes the study mandate, what we have been learning from discussions with supporters and opponents of specialty hospitals, and specific analyses we plan to conduct to develop the required report.

**ACTION:** Commissioners should comment on the analytic issues and analysis plans described in the workplan.

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